



# Great Falls Discovery Center

Department of Conservation and Recreation

## JANUARY 2022 PROGRAMS

All Programs are free and open to the public. An adult must accompany children. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Wheelchair accessible. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit [Mass.gov/COVID](https://www.mass.gov/COVID) for more guidance. For more information call (413) 863-3221.

**Wednesday  
thru Sunday  
10:00 a.m. -  
4:00 p.m.**

### **VISITOR CENTER**

Come explore the natural, cultural and industrial history of the Connecticut River Watershed in our dynamic exhibit hall. Adjacent to the Canalside Rail Trail, the center includes the Great Hall exhibit gallery, restrooms, and drinking water. Wheelchair accessible.

**Open Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Monday 1/17**

**Saturday  
January 1**

### **FIRST DAY HIKE**

**1:00-3:00 p.m., Main Entrance**

Enjoy a leisurely three-mile stroll down the Canalside Rail Trail and get the New Year started off on a Great Falls note. This family friendly hike follows a gentle route and provides an opportunity to discover the abundant natural, historical, and cultural features that make the Center and rail trail such an amazing State Park! Be prepared for cold weather: dress in layers and wear winter boots. Dogs are welcome on leash. Meet at 1 p.m. outside the main entrance of the Great Falls Discovery Center. Hike begins at 1:15 p.m.

**Daily  
November 12  
to January 4**

### **STORY WALK®: *Thanks to the Animals***

Enjoy a story, fresh air, and exercise! Join us on the grounds of the center for a FREE self-guided StoryWalk® featuring the children's picture book, *Thanks to the Animals*, by Allen Sockabasin. For young readers ages 6-8 and anyone grateful for wildlife, family, and storytelling. Follow the path to book pages posted along the route. If the path along the StoryWalk® does not become icy, the story walk will be up beyond January 4th.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson. This StoryWalk® is provided by Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Interpretive Services.

### **MORE PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE**

**Great Falls Discovery Center**, Connecticut River Greenway State Park  
2 Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA 01376 (413) 863-3221, [greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org](https://greatfallsdiscoverycenter.org)

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Daily  
December 2—  
January 2

#### **GREAT HALL EXHIBIT: JUNIOR DUCK STAMPS CONNECTING YOUTH WITH NATURE THROUGH SCIENCE AND ART**

Young students from Kindergarten to High School submit artwork for a statewide art contest. In the process, they gain awareness of the importance of preserving wetland habitats and the delights of wildlife. Come see the top Massachusetts youth entries for the 2021 Junior Duck Stamp competition!

Daily  
January 6—  
February 27

#### **GREAT HALL EXHIBIT: THE NORTHFIELD CHATEAU— REMEMBERED, REVISITED**

Jack Nelson presents an architecturally accurate ceramic model of the Northfield Chateau. The exhibit includes interior and exterior photos, artifacts, a brief history of the architect Bruce Price, a brief history of the owner Francis Robert Schell, and, perhaps, most important, the usage of the Chateau as it evolved overtime to a most revered building with decades of memories. View a six-foot panorama photograph taken from the roof of the Chateau in 1906 upon completion of the Chateau.

Sunday  
January 9

#### **GREAT HALL EXHIBIT RECEPTION: THE NORTH- FIELD CHATEAU— REMEMBERED, REVISITED**

**1:00-3:00 p.m., Great Hall**

Snow Date  
Sunday  
January 16

Get an introduction to the Northfield Chateau and meet the artist Jack Nelson. Light refreshments may be provided, depending on current Covid guidance.

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